(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Hazardous occupations and processes have been listed in Parts A and B of the Schedule to Child does not include the occupation of gem polishing. However, considering the nature of the job in precious stone polishing, a Notification was issued in 1992 to apply the provision of Part III of the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 for purpose of regulation of condition of work of children working this occupation.

Import/Export of Sugar

1437. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:
SHRI GOPALSINGH G. SOLANKI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:
SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the quanitty and CIF/FOB price-wise details of sugar imported each month in 1994-95 by agencies like FCI, MMTC, STC and others;

(b) the name of foreign agency and Indian counterpart related with the transactions; and

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-time "Evidence supports sugar scam charge" published in the Economic Times of the 14th July, 1995 and if so, the factual position is this regard;

(d) whether Government have permitted export of imported or indigenous sugar in 1994-95 and so far in 1995-96 and if so, the price quality and other details; and

(e) how the country is placed in 1995 in terms of demand and supply position?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Government allowed import of sugar under Open General Licence during 1994. Under this scheme Public Sector Undertakings viz. STC/MMTC have imported sugar to meet the requirement of Public Distribution System. No sugar has been imported by Food Corporation of India. Besides this, various private parties have also imported sugar as per their best comercial judgement, the details of which are not available.

Information regarding quantity and Cif/FOB price-wise details of sugar imported by STC & MMTC, as now furnished by them are as under:—

S.T.C.

Month	Quantity MTs (Provisional)	Weighted average CIF Price Rs. PMT (Provisional)
June, 1994	29,924	13,235
July, 1994	25,008	12,933
August, 1994	82,457	12,509
September, 1994	78,300	12,273
October, 1994	1,43,850	12,338
November, 1994	97,495	12,364
December, 1994	13,650	11,936

M.M.T.C.

Month	Quantity MTs (Provisional)	Weighted average Price C&F F.O. (in US$/MT)
July, 1994	69,600.00	397.64
August, 1994	1,05,000.00	380.06
September, 1994	1,35,000.00	381.62
October, 1994	84,000.00	376.75
November, 1994	99,096.60	383.83
December, 1994	12,165.30	378.00

(b) The names of foreign agency and Indian counterparts related with the transactions as informed by STC & MMTC are as per Statement I and II (*See* below)

(c) The information is being collected.

(d) As per Indian Sugar and Genral Industry Export Import Corporation-an export agency, a quantity of 19336 Metric Tonne comprising 10000 Metric Tonnes of E.E.C. quota at a price of Rs. 26776.75 per Metric Tonne, F.O.B. and 9336 M.Ts. of U.S.A. quota at a price of Rs. 12726.89 per M.T., F.O.B. has been exported during the financial yer 1995-96.

Besides this, Government have recently decided to export 50,000 MTs of sugar out of 1994-95 season's production. No actual export against this has taken place as yet.

(c) With the carry-over stock of indigenous sugar at the beginning of the season 1994-95 and balance stocks of sugar earlier imported alongwith the production during the season, there would be sufficient availability of sugar to meet the internal requirement of the country during 1994-95 season.

Statement-I

Name of Foreign Suppliers and Indian Counterparts from whom Import of Sugar was made during 1994-95 by State Trading Corporation of India Limited

1. M/s. ED&F MAN (HONG KONG) LTD.	INDIAN COUNTERPARTS
2. M/s. PHIBRO	Imports were made directly by STC from the foreign suppliers.
3. M/s. JEAN LION	
4. M/s. MARUBENI CORPORATION	
5. M/s. GYMA	
6. M/s. TOMEN	
7. M/s. MARCH RICH	
8. M/s. SUCDEN	
9. M/s. METAL-MANN	
10. M/s. CARGIL (HONG KONG)	

Statement - II

NAMES OF THE FOREIGN SUPPLIERS AND INDIAN COUNTERPARTS IN RESPECT OF SUGAR IMPORTED BY MMTC DURING 1994-95

1. M/s. Suchen Kerry, Paris	M/s. International Trading Company 6-B, Hansalaya, 15, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi-100001.
2. M/s. Kerry Foodstufs Co. Hong Kong	-do-
3. M/s. Metalmann & Co. Humburg.	
4. M/s. Clencore, UK.	M/s. Amrit Steel Limited, Chander Lok Building, Ist Floor, Janpath, New Delhi-110001.
5. M/s. PHIBRO, USA.	M/s. Meteor Private Limited, 121-122, Ansal Bhavan, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi-110001.
6. CARGILL HONG KONG LTD.	Gill & Co. Ltd., A-425, Ist Floor, Defence Colony, New Delhi-110024.
	Gill & CO., Ltd. NIC House, R.N. Mukherjee Marg, Ballard Estate, Bombay.
7. S.A. Sucre Export, London	M/s. Salzub (India) Private Ltd., E-405, Greater Kailash Part-II, New Delhi-110048.
8. M/s. Louis Dreyfuss, London	M/s. Dynamic Sales Service International (P) Ltd., 210, Din Dayal Upadhya Marg, Rourse Avenue, New Delhi-110002.
9. M/s. C. Czarnikow, London	M/s. Monarch International, 33-9 Hotel Ranjeet, Maharaja Ranjeet Singh Road, New Delhi-110002.
10. ED&F Man (Sugar) Ltd., London	M/s. Adam & Co. Flat H, Front Block, Sagar Apartment, 6, Tilak Marg, New Delhi-110 001.

Ratification of ILO Convention

1438. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be please to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are yet to ratify the ILO convention on minimum age of employment that would raise the age limit of child labour to 16 years;

(b) if so, what are the details of the convention and reasons for non-ratification by Governemnt so far; and